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Production of Wheat
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of wheat has risen in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the production of other Rabi and Kharif crops have also risen in the country during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (d): First Advance Estimates of production (covering only kharif crops) are normally released in September and the preliminary estimates of production of rabi crops become available only with the release of 2nd Advance Estimates in February of subsequent calendar year. Therefore, it is too early to have firm assessment of production of kharif and rabi crops for the current year i.e. 2016-17. State-wise details of production of major agricultural crops including wheat in the country during the last three years i.e. 2013-14 to 2015-16 are given in the Annexure.

As 2013-14 was one of the best agricultural years of the country with very good quantity and distribution of monsoon rainfall, the area and production of almost all the agricultural crops increased, reaching record levels in many crops including wheat. The year 2014-15 suffered defict/deficient rainfall in many parts of the country, leading to decline in the production of kharif crops. Unseasonal rains/hailstorms during February-March, 2015, adversely impacted rabi production with the result that total production of most of the crops in 2014-15 declined. The year 2015-16 also suffered deficit/deficient rainfall in the monsoon season, which led to decline in production of kharif crops. Rabi production also suffered due to lower availability of water in major reservoirs. Consequently, the overall production of major crops in 2015-16 also remained lower than their production levels achieved during 2013-14. With favourable rainfall conditions and better progress in area coverage as per reports on preliminary trends received from State Governments, production of major agricultural crops in the country during 2016-17 can be expected to be higher than their production in 2015-16.